

SUPPORTING OUR GREEN FUTURE

1930's and 1940's until the mid 1950's, when Captain Billy Robertson and Sam Monk renewed planting in earnest to keep up with Savannah's southward expansion. Many Chestnut Oak, Crapemyrtle, Magnolia, Pine, and Palms were planted during that era.

The planned urban forest is a relatively new concept. American Chestnut Blight and Dutch Elm Disease in the early 1970's resulted in catastrophic tree losses in cities throughout the northeast. Such massive loss of individual species demonstrated the importance of planting a diversity of tree species to reduce the local impact of any one insect or disease outbreak.

In 1987, the City of Savannah completed a tree inventory which

revealed that 63% of all trees belonged to only five taxonomic families and 53% of all trees belonged to only five species. Species diversity was clearly out of balance.

A Master Tree Plan was developed in 1988 to create a more even-aged and diverse urban forest. Since that time, the Park & Tree Department has planted a variety of different species throughout the city. New and different species and cultivars of trees are purchased every year to add to the diversity and local interest. The collection of trees in Forsyth Park is representative of this effort.

HELP US GROW!

Your tax deductible donation to the Savannah Tree Fund will support the planting of trees in the Arboretum and throughout Savannah.

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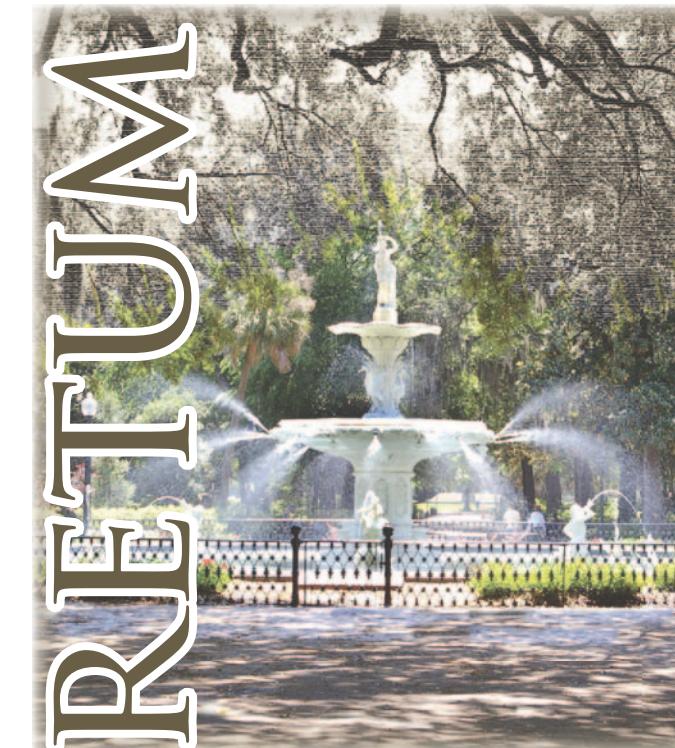


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FORSYTH PARK



ARBORETUM SAVANNAH'S URBAN FORESTRY SHOWCASE A SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR

A HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE

Majestic live oaks draped with Spanish moss. Thick canopies reaching over centuries-old parks. Trees are forever linked to the impression and experience of Savannah. The Forsyth Park Arboretum acts as a living showcase of Savannah's flourishing and diverse urban forest. Use the map inside to guide your quiet exploration of the arboretum. Take your time as you leisurely stroll along Forsyth's diamond-patterned path, and learn the common and botanical names of over 50 species of trees. Enjoy this jewel of Savannah.

The City of Savannah has a grand history as The Forest City. Savannah's first forest was the native pine forest which existed when the Colony of Georgia was founded by General James

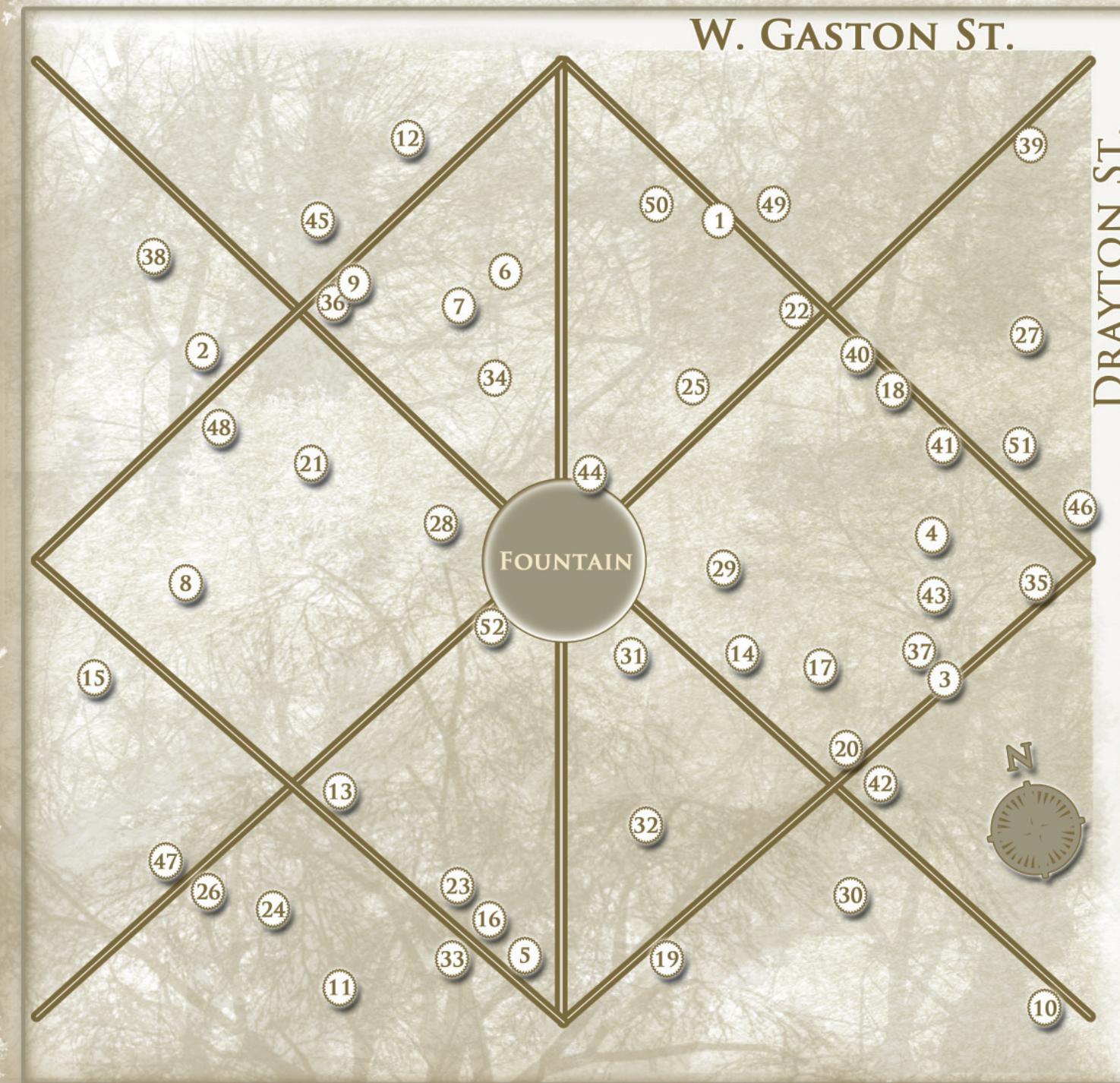
Oglethorpe in 1733. The forest survived until destroyed by a powerful hurricane around 1800.

Savannah and Philadelphia were the first cities in America to plant trees in an organized manner along streets and boulevards and in parks and squares. Savannah's second forest was deliberately planted and was composed primarily of Sycamore, Sugarberry, and Chinaberry. These trees gradually succumbed to disease and age by the late 19th century.

In 1896, the Park & Tree Commission was established to assure the orderly forestation and beautification of the entire city. Between 1896 and 1921, all of the Oak, Sweetgum, Sugarberry and Palms were planted in the Historic and Victorian Districts. Tree planting was sporadic through the

FORSYTH PARK ARBORETUM

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BOTANICAL NAME

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|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> | 19. <i>Cercis Canadensis</i> 'Forest Pansy' | 36. <i>Carya glabra</i> |
| 2. <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> | 20. <i>Acer barbatum</i> | 37. <i>Taxodium ascendens</i> |
| 3. <i>Taxodium distichum</i> | 21. <i>Osmanthus fragrans</i> | 38. <i>Aesculus pavia</i> |
| 4. <i>Fagus grandifolia</i> | 22. <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> | 39. <i>Acer rubrum</i> |
| 5. <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> 'Lace Lady' | 23. <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> | 40. <i>Magnolia x soulangiana</i> |
| 6. <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> | 24. <i>Zelkova serrata</i> 'Musashino' | 41. <i>Quercus acutissima</i> |
| 7. <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> | 25. <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> 'Allee' | 42. <i>Acer truncatum</i> |
| 8. <i>Sabal palmetto</i> | 26. <i>Ulmus parvifolia</i> 'Bergundy' | 43. <i>Quercus shumardii</i> |
| 9. <i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Bradford' | 27. <i>Quercus laurifolia</i> | 44. <i>Quercus virginiana</i> |
| 10. <i>Cornus florida</i> 'Cherokee Princess' | 28. <i>Acer saccharum</i> 'Legacy' | 45. <i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> |
| 11. <i>Cunninghamia lanceolata</i> | 29. <i>Loropetalum chinense rubrum</i>
'Zhuzhou' | 46. <i>Celtis laevigata</i> |
| 12. <i>Quercus myrsinifolia</i> | 30. <i>Quercus rubra</i> | 47. <i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Summer Red' |
| 13. <i>Koelreuteria bipinnata</i> | 31. <i>Quercus nuttallii</i> | 48. <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i> |
| 14. <i>Chionanthus retusus</i> | 32. <i>Quercus michauxii</i> | 49. <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> |
| 15. <i>Pistacia chinensis</i> | 33. <i>Prunus x incamp</i> 'Okame' | 50. <i>Quercus phellos</i> |
| 16. <i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i> | 34. <i>Quercus lyrata</i> | 51. <i>Prunus x yedoensis</i> |
| 17. <i>Cedrus deodara</i> 'Wyndimere' | 35. <i>Carya illinoensis</i> | 52. <i>Viburnum macrocephalum</i> |
| 18. <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> | | |

COMMON NAME

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. American Hornbeam | 19. 'Forest Pansy' Eastern Redbud | 36. Pignut Hickory |
| 2. Sycamore | 20. Florida Maple | 37. Pondcypress |
| 3. Baldcypress | 21. Fragrant Tea Olive | 38. Red Buckeye |
| 4. American Beech | 22. Ginkgo | 39. Red Maple |
| 5. 'Lace Lady' Black Locust | 23. Green Ash | 40. Saucer magnolia |
| 6. Blackgum | 24. 'Musashino' Japanese Zelkova | 41. Sawtooth Oak |
| 7. Bur Oak | 25. 'Allee' Lacebark Elm | 42. Shantung Maple |
| 8. Cabbage Palm | 26. 'Bergundy' Lacebark Elm | 43. Shumard Oak |
| 9. 'Bradford' Callery Pear | 27. Laurel Oak | 44. Southern Live Oak |
| 10. 'Cherokee Princess' | 28. 'Legacy' Sugar Maple | 45. Southern Magnolia |
| Flowering Dogwood | 29. 'Zhuzhou' Pink Fringeflower | 46. Sugarberry |
| 11. China-Fir | 30. Northern Red Oak | 47. 'Summer Red' Red Maple |
| 12. Chinese Evergreen Oak | 31. Nuttall Oak | 48. Sweetgum |
| 13. Chinese Flametree | 32. Swamp Chestnut Oak | 49. Tulip Poplar |
| 14. Chinese Fringetree | 33. 'Okame' Cherry | 50. Willow Oak |
| 15. Chinese Pistache | 34. Overcup Oak | 51. Yoshino Cherry |
| 16. Dawn Redwood | 35. Pecan | 52. Chinese Snowball Viburnum |
| 17. 'Wyndimere' Deodar Cedar | | |
| 18. Eastern Redcedar | | |